

FAST TRACK

Fast Track provides tuition-free education and training to eligible adults. The State of Missouri created the program to grow our skilled workforce and increase access to higher education.

Pursue a degree, certificate or industry-recognized credential that will help you land an in-demand, high-paying job. More than 90 OTC programs qualify for Fast Track, including Gold Collar Jobs and programs in the new Plaster Center for Advanced Manufacturing. You're sure to find the perfect fit.

Eligibility Requirements

- Are 25+ years old – or – have not been enrolled in college in the past two years
- Have not yet earned a bachelor's degree
- Plan to enroll for 6+ credit hours
- Make less than \$40K/year (filing single) or \$80K (filing jointly)
- Have been a Missouri resident for at least two years

Application Process

- Visit otc.edu/fasttrack and find an approved OTC program that's right for you
- Complete the steps for admission to OTC
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Fill out the pre-application form on the OTC Fast Track Grant webpage



Learn more at otc.edu/fasttrack or email fasttrack@otc.edu.

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EXPLORE ALL YOUR OPTIONS

FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Applying for Financial Aid

Go to **studentaid.gov**

and click "Create Account" to create your FSA ID.
Save your FSA ID and password!

✔ **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** You will need your FSA ID to log in and the school code for OTC is 030830. Complete the FAFSA by Feb. 1 annually to maximize your potential award. Use the Data Retrieval Tool for the best results!

✔ **Apply for OTC Scholarships.** OTC offers two types of scholarships: Institutional and Foundation. Apply for both with the same form online at otc.edu/scholarships.

Scholarship application periods are:

- Fall Semester: Dec. 1 to June 1
- Spring Semester: Sept. 1 to Nov. 1
- Summer Semester: Dec. 1 to June 1

✔ If you wish to receive student loans, complete the Federal Direct Loan Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note (MPN) at studentaid.gov.

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What to Expect After Submitting the FAFSA

- You will receive an estimated award amount in your Student Aid Report (SAR), and the results will be sent to selected schools within one week.
- Once you have applied to OTC, you may track your admissions and financial aid progress by viewing links in myOTC.



Track Your Financial Aid on myOTC

- ✓ Monitor your financial aid awards and any additional documents needed.
- ✓ Accept, reduce or decline financial aid.
- ✓ If you require unsubsidized loans after accepting all other financial aid awards, click the *Request a New Loan* link for the appropriate year.



Tip: Check out Federal Work Study employment opportunities by searching work study at otc.edu.

Yearly Loan Aggregates

| 1st Year (1-29 hours completed toward an associate degree or in a certificate program) | Subsidized | Unsubsidized | Total |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Dependent Student | \$3,500 | \$2,000 | \$5,500 |
| Independent Student | \$3,500 | \$6,000 | \$9,500 |
| 2nd Year (30+ hours completed toward an associate degree program) | Subsidized | Unsubsidized | Total |
| Dependent Student | \$4,500 | \$2,000 | \$6,500 |
| Independent Student | \$4,500 | \$6,000 | \$10,500 |

Scan the QR code for more information.



MISSOURI GIVES BACK

A+ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

You've put in a lot of hard work already. Now's the time to have it all pay off! The A+ Scholarship Program covers tuition and common student fees for qualified students.

To qualify, students graduating from a designated A+ high school must meet the requirements established by the Missouri Department of Higher Education (*listed on the reverse side*).

Steps to Receive A+ Funding

- ✓ Submit a FREE admissions application at otc.edu/apply.
- ✓ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov (complete annually).
- ✓ Request that official high school transcripts with the A+ designation be sent to OTC.
- ✓ Enroll as a full-time OTC student (12+ credit hours in fall and spring semesters, 6+ credit hours in summer semesters).
- ✓ Sign up for OTC's My Payment Plan the same day you register for classes.

Go to otc.edu/aplus
to view helpful links and detailed
A+ Scholarship information.



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A+ Program Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Maintain full-time enrollment at OTC.
- ✓ Have your official high school transcript with the A+ designation on file at OTC.
- ✓ Have current year FAFSA on file at OTC.
- ✓ Maintain degree-seeking status at OTC.
- ✓ Earn a 2.5 cumulative GPA on college-level courses.



Important Things to Know

- Students have up to 48 months after high school graduation to utilize the A+ Scholarship.
- Non-degree-seeking OTC students are not eligible for A+ Scholarship funding.
- A+ Scholarship funding is open to United States citizens and permanent residents.
- The A+ Scholarship pays for tuition and common fees (student, registration, security, student technology and infrastructure fees).
- The A+ Scholarship does *not* pay for items such as books, school supplies, living expenses, miscellaneous or lab fees.
- Students cannot receive a full Pell Grant and A+ Scholarship funding simultaneously.

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code for more
information.



TAKE THE NEXT STEP

ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

Becoming an OTC Eagle is simple.

You'll be signed up and ready to go in just a few short steps.

- ✓ Create your OTC account online at **apply.otc.edu**.
- ✓ Submit a FREE admissions application.
- ✓ Connect with your Admissions Counselor.

Admissions Counseling

- Your Admissions Counselor is your go-to person for enrolling at OTC. They will help you select the right program for your goals, financial aid, orientation to college and registration for your first semester of classes.
- Your Admissions Counselor will reach out to you shortly after you apply to answer your questions and help you get started.
- Get a jumpstart by finding your Admissions Counselor at otc.edu/admissions/our-team.

Go to **students.otc.edu/admissions**

for more detailed steps before
beginning classes.



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Accelerate Your Enrollment

Your Admissions Counselor is here to guide you from application to registration. However, if you want to get a headstart on the enrollment process, take some simple steps.

- ✓ Apply for financial aid (if applicable) at studentaid.gov. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required for you to be eligible for A+ Scholarship and OTC scholarships.
- ✓ Send final official high school and college transcripts to OTC.

Mail to:

Ozarks Technical Community College
Attn: Admissions
1001 E. Chestnut Expressway
Springfield, MO 65802

- or -

Email to:

admissions@otc.edu

- ✓ Determine which English, math and reading courses are best for you. Complete *Guided Self-Placement* through myOTC or by visiting otc.edu/selfplacement.

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SOME EXTRA HELP

SCHOLARSHIPS



OTC has over 100 scholarships available.



More than 500 students receive awards every year.



Over \$900,000 in scholarships awarded annually.

Scholarships are a form of financial aid that you do not need to repay. Most recipients are selected based on academic performance, need and a compelling essay. OTC has numerous scholarship options.

Types of Scholarships at OTC



Institutional Scholarships are provided by OTC.



Foundation Scholarships are provided through the OTC Foundation and are funded by private donors. Students must meet requirements defined by the donor.

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Application Process

- ✓ All current and prospective OTC students are eligible to apply. Make sure you have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), have official transcripts on file at OTC and complete an essay.
- ✓ You only need to fill out a single application to apply for all scholarships. It's as easy as that. If awarded, you will be notified six to eight weeks after the application deadline.



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